

SATELLITE REACTION TO
SIGNATURE OF AUSTRIAN TREATY

I. Western observers report--speculation rife in Hungary and Rumania about possibility of Soviet troop withdrawal from these Satellites as a result of Austrian treaty.

- A. There have been some rumors that Soviet troops would be withdrawn; others that additional troops would be brought in from Austria.
- B. Even before treaty signed, Tito had conjectured that Soviet troops would be withdrawn from line of communications with Austria (i.e., Hungary, Rumania).
- C. In both countries fears have been expressed that Warsaw Conference agreement will require the retention

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II. Satellite propaganda has interpreted

signature of treaty as a victory for Soviet diplomacy.

- A. A Hungarian editorial claimed, for example, that during the past ten years USSR made consistent efforts to restore Austria's independence, but the Western powers rejected every proposition.
- B. Budapest editorial (16 May): "Western powers...will soon have to evacuate their carefully established Alpine fortress."
- C. All Satellite media (particularly East German) have emphasized the line that the Austrian treaty is a model for Germany in achieving unity and independence.

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